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Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

August 16, 1972

Greetings

Welcome to the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. The Crumb is the official communication of the Conference, delivered each morning at breakfast, and containing daily schedules, program changes & bureaucratic addenda.

Tonight

John Ciardi, Director of the Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, will open the Conference this evening at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. An informal reception will be held in the Barn immediately following the Director's presentation.

Manuscripts

All Contributors' manuscripts must be submitted to Jonathan Aldrich in the Secretary's Office by Thursday noon (he will also handle any special problems & requests). Since all manuscripts must be on hand before individual assignments can be decided, no final action can be taken on assignments until Thursday evening.

Parking

State Police may issue tickets to cars parked in front of the Inn and along the road. Please use the Bread Loaf parking lot in front of the Barn. The area in front of the Inn is reserved for the taxi and for mail deliveries, and the space behind the Inn for unloading supplies.

From the Front Desk

Please check your mailbox several times a day for notices, telegrams & calls. Some of the buildings at Bread Loaf do not have phone service, and calls can be relayed only through the mail.

Please do not make long-distance phone calls from your dormitories. Pay phones are located on the first floor of the Inn at the foot of the stairs near the Bookstore & outside near the firehouse. Remember that the switchboard closes at 10:00pm sharp.

If you wish to subscribe to the NY Times or Boston Globe (daily and/or Sunday), you must sign up at the Front Desk by Thursday noon. Papers must be pre-paid.

Bells

The Conference is governed by the bell. A typical day's tolling includes a rising bell (7:30am), a breakfast bell at 8:00am, lecture bells with 10-minute warnings (8:50am, 9:00, 10:05, 10:15, 11:20, 11:30, 1:50pm, 2:00, 3:05, 3:15, 7:50, 8:00), and lunch & dinner bells at 1:00pm and 6:15pm.

Meals

No one will be admitted to the Dining Room after the door has been shut. Meals are served at the following times:

Breakfast	8:00-8:30am
Lunch	1:00-1:15pm
Dinner	6:15-6:30pm

Punctuality is required so that waiters/waitresses can serve you, finish & get to the lecture hall. The Snack Bar (in the Barn) is available to delinquents. Please do not argue with the Head Waitress -- head for short-ordering in the Barn.

Laundry

There is no professional laundry or dry cleaning service available to Bread Loafers; a trip to Middlebury will be necessary for this. However, there are coin-op washers & dryers in the basement of Larch dormitory. Ivory Snow on sale at the Bookstore.

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Saturday 8/25/73

Last Lunch

The final Conference meal will be served at 11:30am tomorrow for the convenience of catchers of busses and other travellers.

Schedule

9:00am	Workshops	Bell: Barn 1 Schrag: Barn 2
10:45am	Workshops	Anderson: Barn 1 Segal: Barn 2
2:00pm	Workshops	Strand: Barn 1 Bourjaily: Barn 2
3:30pm	Reading	Marvin Bell

Marvin Bell will read his poems today at 3:30pm in the Little Theatre. This morning he will meet his workshop at 9am in Barn 1.

If you plan to attend the 2pm fiction workshop, please get and read a copy of the story before the meeting. Copies are available at the Office.

Tips

for waiters should be deposited in the silver box inside the Dining Room door.

for maids should be given to them personally or left at the Front Desk.

for the Snack Bar girls should be presented to the Snack Bar girls.

Bookstore

The Bookstore is selling out of business -- we will be open from 8:30 to noon. Then we move on.

Library

Please return all Library books by 1:00 today.

Clinic

Please return all hot water bottles, canes, slings, ace bandages and other Clinic paraphenalia to the nurse before departing. We need them for next year's crew.

Last Tango

There will be beering and dancing, in the Barn, from 9:30pm on. Everyone at Bread Loaf invited.

This Evening

Maxine Kumin, poet and novelist, will read from her poetry tonight at 8:00 in the Theatre. Ms. Kumin has taught at Tufts and the University of Massachusetts and won a Pulitzer Prize for her poetry. Her books are: Halfway, The Privilege, The Nightmare Factory, and Up Country (poetry), and Through Doods of Love, The Passions of Uxport, and The Abduction.

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Schedule

9:00am	Poetry	Mr. Ciardi
10:15am	NonFiction	Mr. Lederer
11:30am	Poetry	Mr. Williams
2:00pm	Fiction	Mr. Epstein
3:15pm	Writing for Children	Ms. Anderson

All lectures are given in the Little Theatre.

Manuscripts

The deadline for submitting manuscripts to J. Aldrich in the Secretary's Office is noon today.

Newspapers

Daily & Sunday papers may be ordered and should be paid for by noon today. Check with the Front Desk.

Dining Data

The doors of the Dining Room will be open during the times posted only. Once shut, the doors will open for no one; blame not the headwaitress or the clock. There is no other way to assure that waiters & waitresses can finish their jobs in time for lectures & workshops.

Noise

The walls are thin in Bread Loaf's venerable buildings and the mountain air is a faithful conductor of sound. Please respect the wishes of those who may seek quiet, especially after 11:00pm. The best place for late evening conversation and night typing is the Barn. Those who favor small late-evening gatherings may find one of the cabins on the edge of the campus suitable (Dick Ross, Inn Manager, has the cabin keys).

Warning

Though scenic, it's a treacherous route down the magic mountain. Please proceed with respect for the serpentine road. Remember that cars at Bread Loaf should be parked in the area in front of the Barn. Vermont State Police enforce the no-parking regulations along Route 125.

Bookstore

Drug items, stationery, and books by resident authors are available at the Bookstore. Hours: 8:30-9:00am, 12:30-1:00pm, 1:30-2:00pm, and 5:30-6:00pm, Monday through Friday.

This Evening

John Frederick Nims, professor-poet at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present a lecture tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Mr. Nims' books of poetry are The Iron Pastoral, A Fountain in Kentucky, Knowledge of the Evening, and Of Flesh and Bone; his most recent book is Sappho to Valery: Poems in Translation. The title of his talk: 'Being a Speech about: Has the Time-Machine Come Full Circle, or, Is Bread Loaf Poetry Fellow Dick Allen Right When He Says?'



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August 18, 1972

Schedule

9:00am	Fiction	Harry Crews
10:15am	Poetry	Diane Wakoski
11:30am	NonFiction	Isaac Asimov
2:00am	Fiction	James Whitehead
3:15am	Poetry	John Nims

Fellow Books

Books by the Fellows may be purchased at the Vermont Bookstore in Middlebury (also a good shop for posters & records).

Weekend Trips

If you plan to be off the Mountain this weekend, you are asked to sign up at the Front Desk. The meal sign-up sheet allows the kitchen to estimate meal attendance and the number of waiters/waitresses that will be needed. In case of emergency, please leave an address and phone number where you may be contacted.

Registration

If you have not registered with Nancy Aldrich in the Secretary's Office or gotten your mailbox assignment from the Front Desk, please do. Off-campus Conference members should also register.

Bookstore

In addition to the hours for the Bookstore given in yesterday's Crumb (Monday-Friday), the BS will be open for business on Saturday as well. Same times, same place.

Social Graces

The Ciardis' and the Aldriches' cordially invit you for punch until 6 or so, on the West lawn of the Inn, Saturday at 4:30pm.

Groups

of Conference members may wish to gather from time to time for talk on particular subjects or for readings with critical discussion. These meetings can best take place outdoors or in the several classrooms available in the Barn. The bulletin board outside the Dining Room is the place to post notices for such gatherings. To avoid conflicts, please clear the use of Barn-space with the office.

Valuables

should be carefully stored in your rooms. You are advised not to leave things of great worth and/or sentimental value lying around. Such may be locked in the safe at the Front Desk.

This Evening

Seymour Epstein, novelist & short story writer, will discuss the evolution of his manuscript-in-progress tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Mr. Epstein is the author of five novels & a volume of short stories; his most recent novel, The Dream Museum, is available in the Bookstore. Currently he teaches at the University of Denver.



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August 19, 1972

Schedule

9:00am	Writing for Children	Joy Anderson
10:15am	Poetry	Robert Pack
11:30am	Fiction	John Williams
2:00pm	NonFiction	John Ciardi
3:15pm	Poetry	Robert Hayden

Parking

Park your car in the Barn lot. Elsewhere prohibited. Cars parked along Route 125 will be ticketed or worse.

Punch

The Ciardis and the Aldriches invite you to join them on the West lawn of the Inn today at 4:30 for punch & pleasure.

Some People

have asked how the waiters are selected. The 23 waiters are on working scholarships and are chosen from a much larger number on the basis of past experience or writing submitted or both.

Notice

Jay Yang, free-lance designer and illustrator of children's books, will be at the 9:00 lecture this morning. Jay will meet informally with those interested in illustration from 4:15 to 5:00 in the Barn.

Nocturnal Noise

Please be considerate of your fellow writers: typing in Room 1 of the Barn, utterance in the Lounge.

This Evening

Diane Wakoski, poet, will read from her recent poems tonight at 8:00 in the Theatre. Diane first came to Bread Loaf in 1966. Her books of poetry are Coins & Coffins, Discrepancies and Apparitions, The George Washington Poems, Inside the Blood Factory, The Magellanic Clouds, The Motorcycle Betrayal Poems, and Smudging, her most recent collection.

Stomp & Shout

Free your fancydango, test your tarantalents, or do that hip-shake thing: TONIGHT in the Barn anytime after this evening's reading. Band tunes (Ivory) provided. Beer in a keg. At least 50¢ donation requested to break even (bake sale Monday if we don't). Come on down, sweet Virginia, shake a leg.

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August 20, 1972

Transit

If you are going to church in Middlebury this morning, please check the Front Porch of the Inn for people who need rides to town.

Trails

There are many hiking trails in the area, roads not taken. A special hiking issue of the Crumb, featuring a map & directions along logging roads, over bridges to beaver ponds, cemeteries & lakes, is available at the Front Desk. Free.

Taxi

transport to Middlebury is provided each weekday afternoon. Ask at the Front Desk for departure times. Round trip fare: \$1.50, one-way also \$1.50.

Suds

Coin-operated (25¢) washing machines & dryers can be found in the basement of Larch. Lesser-polluting (or so they say) Ivory Snow is on sale at the Bookstore. Dry-cleaning facilities exist in Middlebury.

Those wishing to do ironing can borrow irons from the Front Desk. Care should be taken to use them properly, return them promptly.

This Evening

Robert Pack will read from his recent poems tonight at 8:00 in the Theatre. Mr. Pack, professor at Middlebury College and a faculty member at the Bread Loaf School of English, has written five volumes of poetry, three books of poetry for children, and a critical study of Wallace Stevens. Home From the Cemetery, his most recent collection, and Guarded By Women, his third, are available in the Bookstore.

Pack's forthcoming book, Nothing But Light, will be published in the fall.

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August 21, 1972

Schedule

9:00am	Fiction	William Lederer
10:15am	Poetry	John F. Nims
11:30am	Fiction	Harry Crews
2:00pm	Poetry	Robert Hayden
3:15pm	NonFiction	Isaac Asimov

Correcto Apologia

Two errors in yesterday's Crumb beg for correction. Taxi service to Middlebury is provided on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday basis, not, as reported, each weekday afternoon (Tuesday & Thursday the blue bus idles in front of the Inn). In addition, the Bookstore does not carry, as printed, lesser-polluting Ivory Snow, but rather Arm & Hammer, heavy-duty stuff. Not that it matters much, there's not so much as an enzyme of either to be had in the BS.

Postcards

are on sale at the Front Desk. They are 8¢ a piece, 2 for 15¢. Stamps also available.

Tonight

John Williams will talk about 'The Fiction of History' at 8:00 in the Theatre, a discussion of the historical novel including excerpts from his novel to be published in October. Mr. Williams, novelist & editor, currently teaches at the University of Denver. His recent books include Butcher's Crossing and Stoner, the second of which is for sale in the Bookstore.

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August 22, 1972

Schedule

9:00am	Poetry	Diane Wakoski
10:15am	Fiction	Seymour Epstein
11:30am	Poetry	Robert Pack
2:00pm	Fiction	John Williams
3:15pm	Children's Poetry	John Ciardi

Wanted

Anyone willing to type mss. for Conference members. Please register with the Office.

Reminder

There is a library. Open daily from 4-5, 7-8, it is located right next to the tennis courts. In addition: Will all of you writers, who are also readers, please return overdue books. Furthermore: Several new books by the faculty are now available. And: Children's books may be taken out starting Monday.

Warning

The day is approaching when members will be unable to cash personal checks at the Front Desk. Travellers checks will continue to be honored.

Request

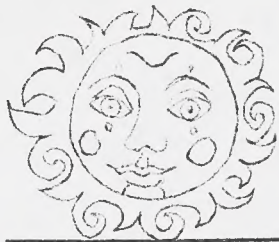
Please do not linger, gluttoned, after fruit & over coffee. Leave. Waiters & waitresses have promises to keep.

Apologia, Part II

Yesterday morning, in defiance of printed fact, just to be difficult, both Ivory Snow & Arm and Hammer arrived at the store of Books. But, as in any soap opera, even good news sours: by afternoon, Arm & Hammer had sold out & was making muscular suds elsewhere. Ivory, who always thought of herself as 99 and 44/100% pure (a kissing virgin), waits for the man who knows her worth (39¢).

Tonight

James Whitehead will read from his work at 8:00 in the Theatre. Mr. Whitehead, poet and novelist, currently teaches in the Program of Creative Writing at the University of Arkansas. At Bread Loaf in 1967 he won the Robert Frost Fellowship in Poetry for his volume Domains. Joiner, a novel published last year, may be found in the Bookstore.



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August 23, 1972

Schedule

9:00am	Poetry	John Nims
10:15am	Writing for Children	Joy Anderson
11:30am	NonFiction	Isaac Asimov
2:00pm	Poetry	Miller Williams
3:15pm	Fiction	Jim Whitehead

Lunch

will be served outside today on the West Lawn, weather permitting.

Seating Plan

Some Conference members have asked for a mealtime seating plan to be put into effect. Such a plan, which in past years has been used throughout the session, will change your life starting today at dinner and lasting through Friday eve. Lists assigning you a specific table will be posted by the dining room door.

Checks

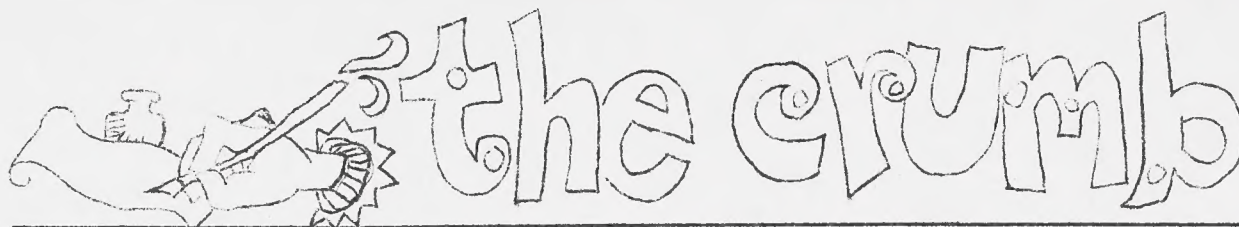
Today is the last day that personal checks will be cashed at the Front Desk.

Addresses

The Office is preparing an address list which will include all Conference members & which will be distributed to everyone. If you wish an address other than the one you gave on the blue registration card to be included on this list, please notify the Office before 2pm today.

Tonight

William Lederer will give tips on 'How to Become a Creative Literary Genius' at 8:00 in the Theatre. In addition to children's books and poetry, Mr. Lederer has written fiction and nonfiction. His best-known books are The Ugly American, A Nation of Sheep, and The Mirages of Marriage.



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August 25, 1972

Clinics

9:00am	Poetry	Wakoski, Hayden
10:40am	Fiction	J. Williams, Epstein
2:00pm	Writing for Children	Joy Anderson
3:30pm	Poetry	M. Williams, Nims

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Don't forget to sign the sheet at the Front Desk if you will be missing one or more meals over the weekend.

Mass

Father James McShane will offer Mass at 5pm this Sunday. All are welcome. Today at 7:15pm, Donez Xiques will meet on the west porch of the Inn with any who would like to help plan music & readings. Watch for announcement of Mass location.

Film

Still showing, today at 4:15pm and 7:15pm in the Library, Why Man Creates, a 15-minute award-winning stab at the old puzzler.

Tonight

at 8:00, Isaac Asimov will utter on some aspects of science fiction Scientist, writer of nonfiction, science fiction & books for children, he has published many, many books (including Realm of Numbers, The Intelligent Man's Guide to Science, The Genetic Code, Photosynthesis, The Shaping of England, Stars in Their Courses, Best New Thing, and The Gods Themselves). A fraction of these may be found in the BS.

Departure Slip

If you will need transport off the Mountain at Conference end, rip off the following form, complete, return to the Front Desk as soon as possible. Deadline: Tuesday dinner.

NAME _____ DORM _____ ROOM NUMBER _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____ TIME OF DEPARTURE _____

BUS DEPARTURE TIME _____

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August 26, 1972

Clinics

9:00am	Fiction	Crews, Whitehead
10:40am	Poetry	M. Williams, Pack
2:00pm	NonFiction	Lederer, Asimov
3:30pm	Poetry	Wakoski, Nims

Addresses

The address roster should be ready for distribution by Monday. If you must leave early, and would like a copy mailed, bring a self-addressed envelope to the Secretary's Office.

Tips

A gratuity box for the waiters & waitresses will be placed by the Dining Room door. These folk have labored mightily. Give all the gold and silver that you can.

Those wishing to gratify the maids may do so either in person or by leaving an envelope, with gratiffee's name and/or location on the outside, coin on the in, at the Front Desk.

Tip

Tuesday morning, 8:30-9:30, will be the Bookstore's last (and finest) hour. Buy your books now.

Tonight

John Ciardi, Conference Director, will read from his poetry at 8:00 in the Theatre.

Later Tonight

Following the reading there will be a PARTY in the Barn loft (3rd floor). Strictly BYO. Ice supplied. Recorded tunes too. For breaks, Bread Loaf musicians (live) are invited to set their demons free. All interested performers please stop by the Office.



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August 27, 1972

Frost

The Robert Frost cabin will be open this morning, courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Morrison. From 11:00 to 12:30 the Conference Shuttle will run continuously from the Inn porch to the Frost Memorial (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile toward Ripton). Those wishing to drive themselves should park in the Memorial area. Another shuttle will run up the mile-long drive way to the cabin itself.

Reading

The Bread Loaf Fellows will read today, from 2:30-3:30 and 4-5, in the Theatre. Each of the 6 Fellows has been given 20 minutes to cram with whatever song they have loved alive. All are invited. From 2:30-3:30, David Madden, Mary Walker, & Bill Amidon will be doing it; during the second hour, Julie Gilbert, Dick Allen & David Freeman.

Mass

Father McShane will offer Mass at 5pm outdoors -- on the west side of the Barn. People of all faiths welcome. If there is a guitar player willing to participate, please see Donez Xiques. If weather inclement, Barn classroom.

Dues

No more books may be taken from the Library. Please return books immediately. Inventory will be taken Monday morning.

Apologia, Part III

The Crumb regrets that a stylized account of how to gratify the maids (yesterday's edition, under 'Tips') proved puzzling to some, inscrutable to others. In that account it was specified that donor could enrich donee quite amply through zip-less mail, by leaving an envelope with the donee's 'name and/or location on the outside, coin on the in, at the Front Desk.' That some took this to mean their gratitude (and tip) would be limited to pennies & nickels & dimes & quarters & half-dollars, should be embarrassing for Staff and friends, disheartening for the maids. And so: the illicit discrimination in favor of hard currency over soft shall be no more. A dollar bill, unlike narrow vision, embarrasses no one.

Tonight

Harry Crews, novelist & short story writer and Southerner-in-residence, will talk about hawks at 8:00, the bird, not the director. Mr. Crews, who was holder of a John Atherton Fellowship at the Conference in 1968, is the author of five novels: The Gospel Singer, Naked In Garden Hills, This Thing Don't Lead to Heaven, Karate Is a Thing of the Spirit, and Car (all except Karate stocked in the BS). Harry is currently teaching and writing at the University of Florida.

Addenda

Before leaving the Mountain, please stop by the Front Desk. Your deletion aids the kitchen's estimate of meal attendance.

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August 28, 1972

Clinics

9:00am
10:40am
2:00pm
3:30pm

Poetry
Writing for Children
Fiction
Teaching of Poetry

Wakoski, Pack
Joy Anderson
Whitehead, J. Williams
Ciardi

Photo

The Staff is asked to gather on the porch of the Inn immediately after lunch for purposes of a photograph.

Books

All Library books should be turned in to the librarian. The Library is open from 4-5 and 7-8pm.

Address List

Corrections, additions or changes should be submitted to the Office by 5:00pm in order to be included in tomorrow's (final) Crumb.

Lost

One green spiral notebook, together with a paperback copy of The Magus (by John Fowles, the French Lieutenant Woman's man), possibly in a brown paper bag. If found, please surrender at the Front Desk.

Tonight

Robert Hayden, poet and Professor of English at the University of Michigan, will read his poetry at 8:00 in the Theatre. Mr. Hayden has edited Kaleidoscope: Poems by American Negro Poets and is currently editor of the Baha'i quarterly, World Order. His books of poetry include A Ballad of Remembrance, Words in the Mourning Time and a forthcoming collection, The Night-Blooming Cereus.

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August 29, 1972

Clinics

9:00am	Poetry	M. Williams, Hayden
10:40am	Fiction	Crews, Epstein
2:00pm	The Editor	panel

Banquet Count

Any Conference members (or Staff) who will not be present at the banquet tonight are asked to inform the Front Desk as soon as possible.

Departure

All Conference members should be off the Mountain by tomorrow (Wednesday) noon. Lunch will be served early, at 11:30.

Tips

Reflect on the waiters, waitresses. Ponder the maids.

BookNotes

This morning from 8:30-9:30 will be your last chance at Bookstore books & supplies. No more books may be left for autographing; however, those books already under the foster care of A. Wentzel, should be, by now, properly inked.

Tonight

Mr. Ciardi will speak at the Final Session of the Conference, 8:00 in the Theatre.

F I N I S